

Naples City Council

September 8, 2011

Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Naples City Council was held September 8, 2011, 7:30 p.m., at the Naples City Office, 1420 East 2850 South, Naples, Uintah County, Utah.

DATE, TIME & PLACE OF MEETING

Council members attending were Dean Baker, Robert Hall, Gordon Kitchen, Dennis Long, Dan Olsen, and Kenneth Reynolds.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING

Others attending were Keaten Merrell, Levi Hatch, Joan Sheffer, Chris Felkins, Brandon Felkins, Justin Felkins, Mary Bernard, Terri Anderson, Jeane Allred, Jim Harper, Chris Hoem, Craig Blunt, and Nikki Kay.

OTHERS ATTENDING

At 7:30 p.m. Mayor Baker welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Mayor Baker opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Councilman Kenneth Reynolds offered the invocation.

OPENING CEREMONY

Craig Blunt asked for time on the agenda to discuss a road cut request and to receive suggestions on the focus for an ad in Discover Dinosaurland. Robert Hall **moved** to approve the agenda as amended. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVED

Mayor Baker asked for approval of the minutes of August 25, 2011. Dennis Long **moved** to accept the minutes of August 25, 2011 as written. Ken Reynolds **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mayor Baker asked about any follow up matters from the August 25th meeting. Councilman Kitchen wanted to know where things stood with the request to vacate a portion of 1000 South. Craig said all of the information has been given to the County and the City is just waiting to hear back from them. Mayor Baker said a public hearing will be held at the next Planning Commission meeting to receive any comments about the request.

FOLLOW UP ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nikki Kay presented the bills in the amount of \$20,788.15 and asked for approval to pay them. Dan Olsen **moved** to approve the amount as presented. Robert Hall **seconded**

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Robert Hall	Aye
Dan Olsen	Aye
Dennis Long	Aye
Kenneth Reynolds	Aye
Gordon Kitchen	Aye

Business license applications were received from JRH Contracting, Inc. and Lewco Services, LLC., both businesses are located at 1945 E 1500 S. Craig Blunt stated he did not have a problem with either business but did want to go back and make sure the building is completed and ready for use. Gordon Kitchen **moved** to approve both licenses. Dennis Long **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye.

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES

City Planner - Chris Hoem submitted a travel request to attend the APA Conference in Salt Lake City in October. The request was for \$300.79. Dennis Long **moved** to approve the travel. Kenneth Reynolds **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

TRAVEL APPROVAL REQUESTS

Robert Hall	Aye
Dan Olsen	Aye
Dennis Long	Aye
Kenneth Reynolds	Aye
Gordon Kitchen	Aye

Joan Sheffer, bus coordinator for Uintah School District, came before the Council to discuss concerns of parents who live along 2500 South and have children riding the bus. Ms. Sheffer stated that Rod Anderson asked her to come. Ms. Sheffer said the center turn lane on 2500 South is not illegal to let students off to cross in front of the bus, it just raises concerns about the amount of area students have to cross after they get off the bus. Ms. Sheffer said they have other roads that they do not cross students in front of buses. Ms. Sheffer said they made the decision to not cross students in front of the buses on 2500 South and because of this, students living on the south side of the road are on the bus for a longer period of time. Ms. Sheffer said unless the lanes are changed on 2500 South they are not willing to risk the life of a child and will continue to not have the children cross in front of the bus. Councilman Kitchen wanted to know if the buses could use the turn lane. Ms. Sheffer said the drivers

UINTAH SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION CONCERNS ON 2500 SOUTH

have to remain in their own lane of traffic and can't use the turn lane. Mayor Baker wanted to know how much longer the students picked up on the south side of the road are on the bus as opposed to the ones on the north. Ms. Sheffer thought it was an additional ten to fifteen minutes. Someone asked if the bus could stop if the parents walk their child across the road. Ms. Sheffer said they don't like to do it because if you make an exception for one then you have to make an exception for all. Councilman Long asked what Ms. Sheffer would like from the Council. Ms. Sheffer wanted to see the turn lane taken out and stated that would be the only way the bus route could remain the same as it has been. Mayor Baker wanted to know if the District will continue to run the buses the same way as long as the turn lane is there. Ms. Sheffer said that was correct.

Terri Anderson addressed the Council about her concerns. Ms. Anderson said she was against the turn lane from the beginning. She reported hearing that the reason for the turn lane was to decrease rear end collisions. Ms. Anderson stated that she has never seen a rear end collision on 2500 South. Ms. Anderson said they have had people hit on that street. She stated she has also noticed an increase in the speed of vehicles and believes there should be a greater distance between the cars and their children. Ms. Anderson said she doesn't believe the pedestrian lanes are wide enough and the lanes are different widths. Ms. Anderson said the residents along 2500 South didn't want the street to be a highway but believes that is what the City did when they striped it the way they did.

Chris Felkins stated that it seems, as far as safety goes, the turn lane doesn't make sense. Mr. Felkins said he is concerned about the safety of the children and wanted to know if there was an option of changing the striping of the street in the future. Councilman Kitchen said they will be chip sealing the road in a year and might be able to re-look at it then.

Ms. Anderson said she has noticed an increase in traffic in front of her house. She said the new road has opened it up to more traffic. Mayor Baker said they are trying to patrol it more and make sure the big trucks are not traveling it. Ms. Anderson also commented on the increased trash she has noticed being thrown into that center lane.

Jeane Allred said she doesn't have children that ride the bus

but she doesn't like the turn lane and would like to see it done away with. She believes the center lane is wider than either of the travel lanes which doesn't make sense. Councilman Kitchen wanted to know if the pedestrian lane was wider if that would make it safer. Councilman Kitchen also asked Mr. Felkins if he noticed the children using one side of the road more than the other. Mr. Felkins believed it was the north. Mayor Baker said they would check the widths of the lanes. Mayor Baker thanked those who came for their comments.

No action was taken on this matter as the information was not available

***CHANGE ORDER FOR 2500
SOUTH ROAD PROJECT***

Craig Blunt explained the self help housing program to those in attendance. Craig said the City has been looking at lots in Pheasant Run Subdivision to purchase as part of the program. Craig explained that an environmental impact study has to be complete and notice given of those findings. He said the study is available for inspection and also open to public comment. Craig stated that the study has determined that no significant impact exists. Craig said the public is also made aware of the request for the release of funds and can comment on that. Craig asked if there was any comment from the public.

***SELF HELP HOUSING
PROGRAM***

Ms. Anderson wanted to know about the homes in the area which experienced some flooding issues and wanted to know if those have been resolved.

Ms. Allred said two of the homes on the south east corner have both experienced water problems. Craig said he believes their problems are from water coming up from under ground and not from surface water coming in. Craig said he would follow up with the developers and ask about those issues. With no other comments Dennis Long **moved** to exit the public comment phase. Kenneth Reynolds **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye.

Councilman Hall asked the Mayor if the City could do a little follow up on concerns raised about 2500 South and put it on the next Council agenda. He wanted someone from the City to measure the lanes. Mayor Baker said they will check those and add it to the agenda for next time.

Jim Harper came before the Council to request approval to purchase new front tires for the dump truck. Jim said the

***APPROVAL TO EXPEND
FUNDS IN ROAD***

tires are worn completely down. He stated they had the front end aligned and would now like to get new tires. Kenneth Reynolds **moved** to accept the lowest bid of \$1,279.16. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. With no other discussion, the motion passed with the following roll call:

DEPARTMENT

Robert Hall	Aye
Dan Olsen	Aye
Dennis Long	Aye
Kenneth Reynolds	Aye
Gordon Kitchen	Aye

Jim Harper asked the Council for approval to expend money to compact the hill on the corner of 500 South 2000 East. Jim told the Council that the hill is moving and shows stress cracks between two and three inches. Jim said when the road was constructed the dirt was brought in but never compacted. Jim said they have some old tar sand they would like to place there and then compact it. Mayor Baker said most of what is there is made of sand and gravel. Mayor Baker wanted to know how much right-of-way the City has to work with. Craig told the Mayor he believes they have enough room. Mayor Baker said he'd like to see them put a culvert in, bring in more fill, and create a better turn. Councilman Hall wanted to know why Vernal City wasn't helping to take care of this. Mayor Baker wanted clarification on the bids Jim received. Jim said he requested bids for costs associated with stabilizing the bank. One bid was equipment rental with the road crew doing the work. Jim said part of the problem was the time frame when the companies could either begin the work or supply the equipment. Council members discussed the need for traffic control or flaggers. Jim thought signs should be enough and people traveling the road should be able to see around the corner well enough. Kenneth Reynolds **moved** to approve the bid of B.H.I and to approve up to \$4,000. Dennis Long **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with a roll call vote:

Robert Hall	Aye
Dan Olsen	Aye
Dennis Long	Aye
Kenneth Reynolds	Aye
Gordon Kitchen	Aye

Jim Harper also had a request for funds to finish work at the shop yard. Jim explained he received two bids for hauling fill and road base to the shop yard and then grading the base.

Councilman Kitchen questioned the grades and levels for the finish work. Jim said he believes B.H.I. has equipment that does it automatically. Council members discussed the large difference in the two bids. Councilman Long wanted to know if Jim was comfortable with B.H.I. Jim said he wanted to make a couple of phone calls to clarify a couple of things but he felt good about them. Dennis Long **moved** to accept the bid from B.H.I. and to approve up to \$15,000 if Jim is comfortable with it. Kenneth Reynolds **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Robert Hall	Aye
Dan Olsen	Aye
Dennis Long	Aye
Kenneth Reynolds	Aye
Gordon Kitchen	Aye

Councilman Hall wanted to add a discussion concerning 2500 South to the next Council agenda. Mayor Baker said they could do that and requested that information regarding the widths of each lane be available for that meeting. Mayor Baker also wanted Craig or Jim to find out what standards other agencies are using for the striping of their streets.

FUTURE COUNCIL MATTERS

Craig Blunt presented a request for Questar to cut the road at 1030 East 500 South. Craig said Questar first thought they could connect the home to the gas line without cutting the road but the line is too far out. Gordon Kitchen **moved** to approve the road cut request. Dan Olsen **seconded** the request. The motion passed with all voting aye.

OTHER MATTERS

Chris Home said he recently attended a meeting where Questar expressed concern with how long it takes to obtain approval for a road cut. Chris said he didn't know if there was a way to speed up the process. Craig said the encroachment permit process is quick but they try and discourage the cutting of the road. Craig said he doesn't feel bad about that. Craig said when the construction started on 500 South they tried to give property owners and utility companies plenty of time and opportunity to plan ahead. Mayor Baker said he understands these things come up and his biggest concern was the cut being repaired correctly and in a timely manner. Mayor Baker referred to the cut on 1900 South and how long it has taken to repair. A discussion was held about the requesters putting up a cash bond and if the cut is not repaired in a timely manner and correctly then the City would keep the money and use it to have the cut

repaired. Mayor Baker wanted Craig to check into the matter and see if that is something the City can require and have that information available for the next meeting.

Craig asked the Council about advertising in the Dinosaurland Brochure again this year. He noted that the City paid for a full page ad in the Spring advertiser and just a small ad in the last one. Mayor Baker wanted to know if there was a way to track the benefits of the ad. Chris Hoem said he could create a unique web address that would tally how many people have looked at it. Chris also said the City might do two half page ads for the brochure and be better served. Council members discussed promoting the area next to the City office building and also promoting the development of the area near IFA. Dennis Long **moved** to approve two half page ads. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye.

With no other business before the Council, Dennis Long **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Robert Hall **seconded** the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON THE 22nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2011

BY: _____

ATTEST: _____